

EXHIBIT 7

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 **BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, et al.,**
5 **individually and on behalf of a class of**
6 **all others similarly situated,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 -vs- 1:18-cv-00719-CCR

9 **CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., et al.,**

10 Defendants.

11 **CONTINUED**

12 **ORAL EXAMINATION OF DANIEL DERENDA**

13 **APPEARING REMOTELY FROM**

14 **BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

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18 At 9:20 a.m.

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1 Q. Would it surprise you that Areas 2, 3, 5 and 6
2 are all more than 90 percent black?

3 A. I don't know. Again, I don't know what areas
4 you're speaking of.

5 Q. Maybe we should go back and look at these
6 maps.

7 A. We can take your word for it.

8 Q. Okay. Does it surprise you that Areas 1 and 4
9 are more than 80 percent black?

10 A. Certain areas have different demographics than
11 others. It doesn't surprise me that an area
12 would be 80 percent African-American or not.

13 Q. So you ordered more than 80 percent of
14 checkpoints to take place in Areas 1
15 through 9?

16 A. What I would order the Strike Force to be in a
17 certain area and perform those checkpoints in
18 that area is what they would usually do based
19 on current events, based on crime trends,
20 based on what was going on that particular
21 moment in time.

22 Q. But the fact is that based -- the fact is that
23 more than 80 percent of the time this was

1 occurring in Areas 1 through 9 which are
2 heavily majority black neighborhoods, right?

3 MR. QUINN: Form.

4 A. They were mostly assigned to areas where
5 things were going on so, again, I can't speak
6 to the demographics of the population but,
7 again, wherever the crime was, whatever
8 reason, crime pattern, whatever, whatever it
9 was, whether it was a series of shootings or
10 burglaries or what have you, that's where
11 Strike Force was assigned for those reasons
12 and they would predominantly do the
13 checkpoints within those areas that they were
14 assigned.

15 At times there would be other areas they
16 would go do checkpoints, too, but I can't tell
17 you exactly why they were in a specific area
18 at a given point 10 years later.

19 Q. According to the numbers that are reflected on
20 this chart, more than 60 percent of the
21 checkpoints were just in Areas 1 through 4.

22 A. Then they were there for a reason.

23 Q. But you don't dispute that during this time